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Part 1: Generic data structures

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- We focus on two:
  - `ArrayList`: auto-resizing array
  - `HashMap`: dictionary

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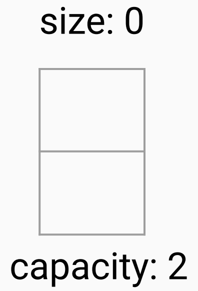
interface implemented by `ArrayList`



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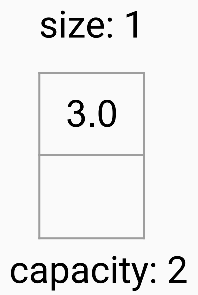

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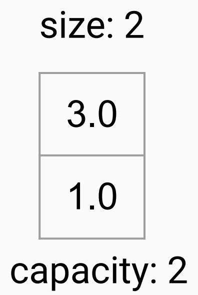

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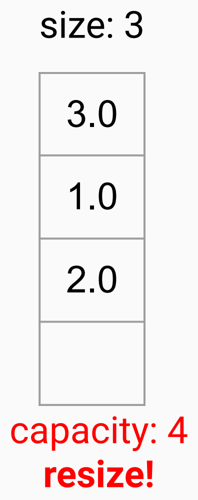

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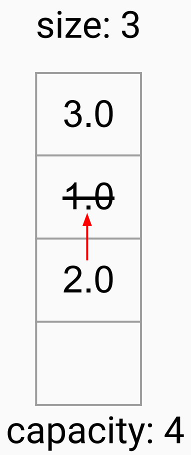

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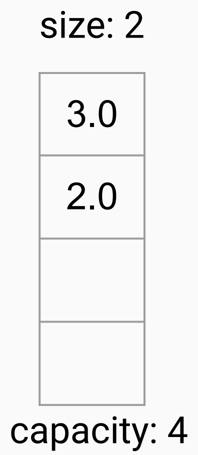

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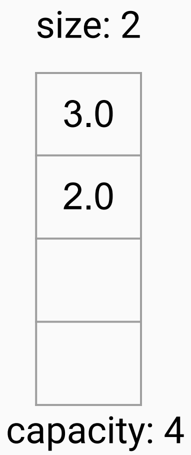

Using `ArrayList`

- `ArrayLists` are useful when there is no maximum number of elements
- Will typically be your go-to data structure

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    public int hashCode() {
        return (name + id).hashCode();
    }
    public boolean equals(Object rhs) {
        if (rhs instanceof Student) {
            return ((Student)rhs).id == id &&
                   ((Student)rhs).name.equals(name);
        } else {
            return false;
        }
    }
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Part 2: Design patterns

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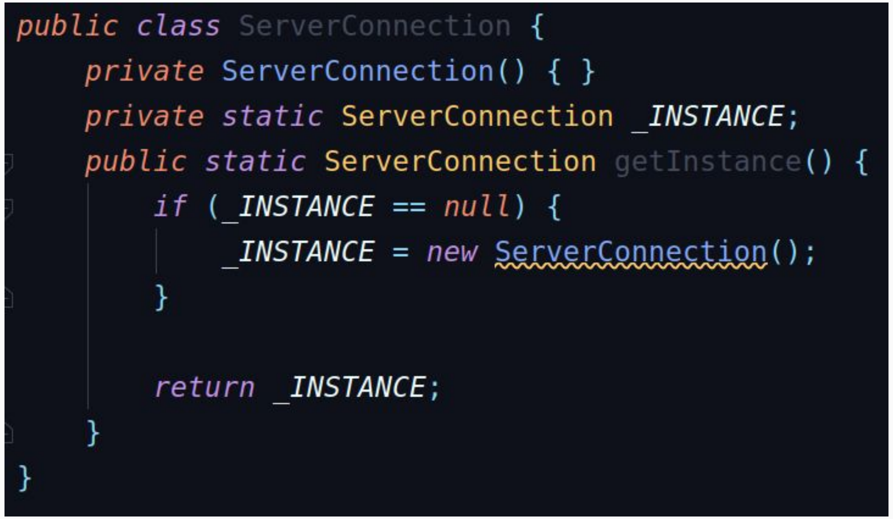

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public class ServerConnection {
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    public static ServerConnection getInstance() {
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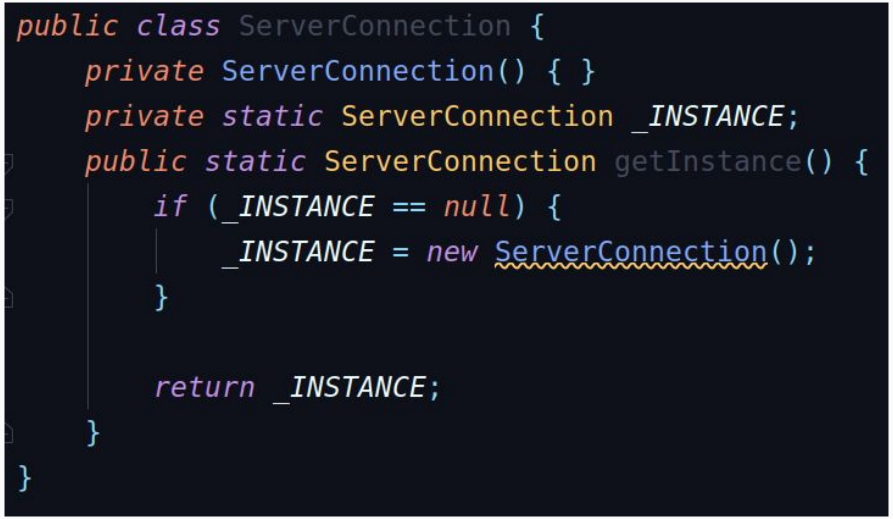
- As with any global state, overuse of Singletons is a bad idea.



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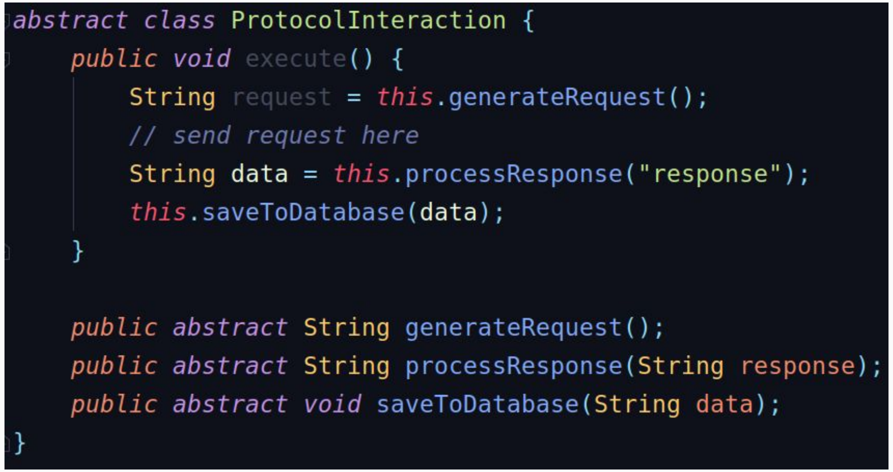

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abstract class ProtocolInteraction {
    public void execute() {
        String request = this.generateRequest();
        // send request here
        String data = this.processResponse("response");
        this.saveToDatabase(data);
    }

    public abstract String generateRequest();
    public abstract String processResponse(String response);
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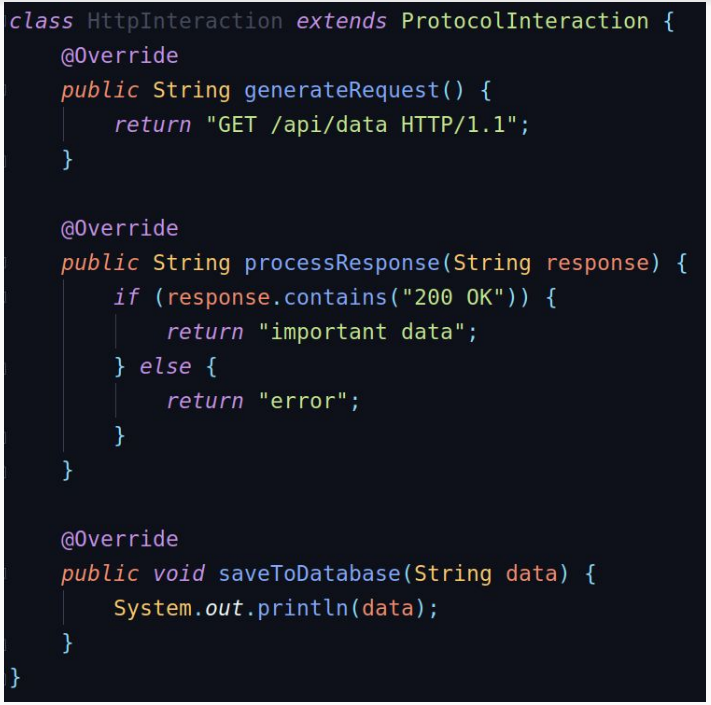

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class HttpInteraction extends ProtocolInteraction {
    @Override
    public String generateRequest() {
        return "GET /api/data HTTP/1.1";
    }

    @Override
    public String processResponse(String response) {
        if (response.contains("200 OK")) {
            return "important data";
        } else {
            return "error";
        }
    }

    @Override
    public void saveToDatabase(String data) {
        System.out.println(data);
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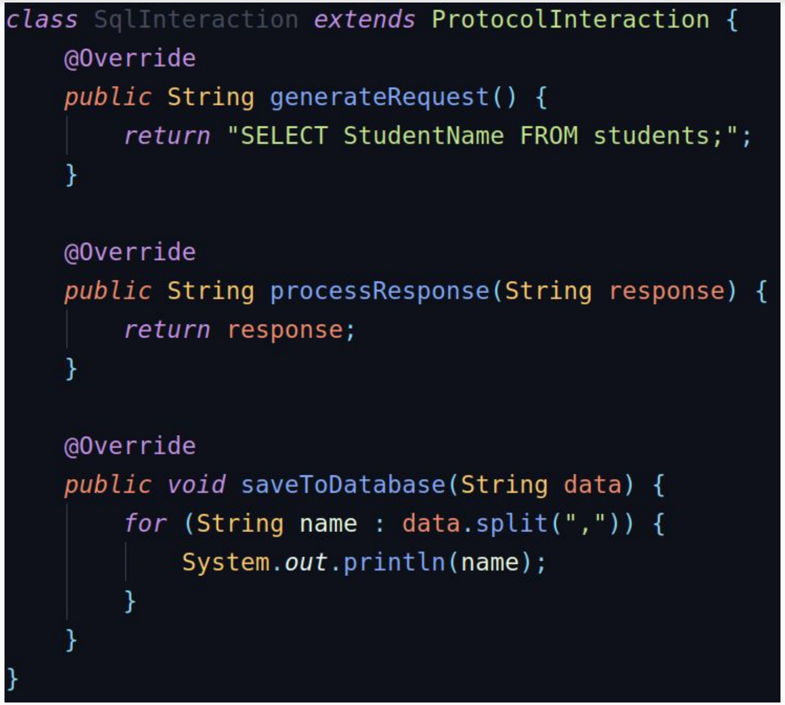


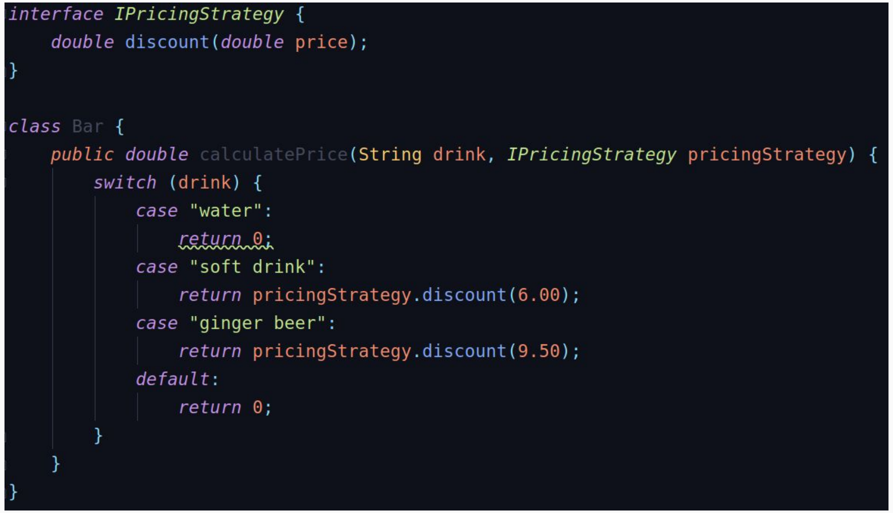
```java
class SqlInteraction extends ProtocolInteraction {
    @Override
    public String generateRequest() {
        return "SELECT StudentName FROM students;";
    }

    @Override
    public String processResponse(String response) {
        return response;
    }

    @Override
    public void saveToDatabase(String data) {
        for (String name : data.split(",")) {
            System.out.println(name);
        }
    }
}
```

Example 2: **Template**

- Templates separate out the specific parts of an algorithm or procedure.
- This makes varying implementations easier to read.

Example 3: **Strategy**

- A class performs some task, but delegates the implementation to an interface.



```java
interface IPricingStrategy {
    double discount(double price);
}

class Bar {
    public double calculatePrice(String drink, IPricingStrategy pricingStrategy) {
        switch (drink) {
            case "water":
                return 0;
            case "soft drink":
                return pricingStrategy.discount(6.00);
            case "ginger beer":
                return pricingStrategy.discount(9.50);
            default:
                return 0;
        }
    }
}
```

Strategy vs Template

- Not using inheritance means the strategy can be changed **at runtime**

- A **weaker relationship** => weaker coupling => more general design

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- **Runtime error:** program detects invalid state and exits early (e.g. `NullPointerException`)

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- **Defensive programming:** test for errors before attempting action

Exceptions!

- **Exceptions:** create an object representing the error, and unwind the call stack until the error is handled

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try {
    buyDrink(drink);
} catch (InvalidArgumentException e) {
    System.out.println(e.getMessage());
}
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Demonstration